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REPLY TO ATTN OF:

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SUBJECT:

CLOSURE OF ENEWETAK FIELD STATION

TO:

Linda M. Smith, Nevada Operations Office

As you are aware, management of the Department of Energy Enewetak Field Station was assumed by the Enewetak Local Government Council in February 1993. A closing ceremony for the transfer of management of the Field Station was held at Enewetak on Friday, February 26, 1993 (Marshall Islands date). In preparation for turning over management of the Field Station, this Office had an independent safety evaluation conducted between January 16-20, 1993, and February 10-15, 1993. The independent safety evaluation included verification that appropriate corrective actions for any identified deficiency were completed prior to the transfer of the management of the Field Station. A copy of the final report was provided to Mr. Bruce Church of your staff for review.

In accordance with commitments agreed to during the February 23, 1993, Marshall Islands Program Meeting, it is recommended that your Office consider relieving Raytheon Services, Nevada, from any future liability due to operation and closure of the Enewetak Field Station.

Harry J. Pettengill

Deputy Assistant Secretary

for Health